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Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah has made a lot of headlines lately promoting his own plan for peace between Israel and the Palestinians. But if Saudi Arabia really wants to help fight terrorism and foster peace in the Middle East, they should take a long look at what is going on in their own country.

The Saudi Government not only permits, but also promotes, radical clerics who teach violence and hatred against Jewish people and the United States. Recently, a prominent Saudi Government cleric held a 2-day telethon that raised over \$100 million for the families of Palestinian homicide bombers. The Washington Times reported last week that the Saudi Government itself paid millions of dollars to the families of homicide bombers and to terrorist groups like Hamas. USA Today reported in 1999 that Saudi businessmen had transferred billions of dollars to bank accounts linked to Osama bin Laden. There needs to be an investigation into where all of this money is coming from.

Mr. Speaker, we should welcome Saudi Arabia's peaceful rhetoric, but actions speak louder than words. Saudi Arabia should be careful about lecturing about peace until her own hands are clean.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about Social Security. Since the Social Security Act became law in 1935, it has reduced poverty among our seniors and allowed generations of retirees to live with dignity and with independence. So could there be a better reason not to spend Social Security on anything other than Social Security?

Well, my Republican colleagues have produced a budget that spends hundreds of billions of dollars from the Social Security fund on other programs. Democrats want to strengthen and to preserve Social Security. American families work hard and they pay into that system, and they should be able to count on Social Security when they retire.

That is why privatization is clearly the wrong approach. It forces benefit cuts, it increases the risk, and it removes the guarantee that Social Security will be there when we need it, when we retire.

Do not be fooled. Democrats believe that working families have earned a secure retirement. We want to strengthen and protect Social Security, not spend it on other programs or on tax cuts to the wealthiest.

CONDEMNING TERRORIST ACT IN KASHMIR

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn the recent terrorist attack in Kashmir that killed 30 innocent civilians, including two dozen women and children, and which injured nearly 50 more. This terrorist attack is yet another aimed at civilians, specifically Hindus, in Kashmir. Just last month, the suicide squad attacked and killed innocent worshipers at one of the largest Hindu temples in Kashmir.

Innocent Hindus, Sikhs, and Muslims have been targeted by terrorists in Kashmir. An editorial in yesterday's Washington Post entitled "The General's Broken Promise" states that Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has not done enough to rein in these terrorists who attack Kashmiri civilians. While President Musharraf has taken steps to assist the American war on terrorism, he must do more to stop these terrorist attacks from occurring in Kashmir and in India.

Once Pakistan moves away from the path of supporting terrorism, a real peace initiative can begin between India and Pakistan. After more than 50 years of hostility, it is time for India and Pakistan to live in peace as neighbors. This can only begin after Pakistan stops supporting terrorism in India.

PASS THE CORPORATE PATRIOT ENFORCEMENT ACT

(Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend remarks.)

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, today on the House floor we should be considering much-needed marriage penalty relief. However, yesterday the Republican leadership withdrew consideration of the Marriage Penalty Tax Relief Act in order to protect financial traitors. Democrats only wanted to pay for this tax relief by implementing the provisions of H.R. 3884, the Corporate Patriot Enforcement Act, a bill authored by myself and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. MALONEY). Fearing that this House would vote overwhelmingly to stop the exodus of American corporations to tax havens, the leadership dropped the Marriage Penalty Tax Relief Act altogether.

While House leaders procrastinate, our constituents around the country want Congress to act. Last week commonsense folks out in Peoria at the Journal Star wrote, "Americans should be outraged, and so should Congress, which should move quickly to pass pending legislation outlawing the dodge." I guess the message was not heard here yesterday in this House.

As Congress does nothing, the exodus of two more corporations who voted this week to reincorporate in tax havens at the expense of honest corporations and hard-working Americans continues. Stop the delay, and close the floodgate to these corporate expatriates by passing the Neal-Maloney Corporate Patriot Enforcement Act.

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2002 WELFARE REFORM REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. ROYCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, prior to 1996 Deborah from California was a single mother caring for her two daughters, a disabled son and a niece. She had no high school diploma. She had no prior work experience. But in 1996 we passed a Republican welfare reform bill which enabled people like Deborah to get off of welfare and into work. The new support services and the new training programs enabled her to become a certified nurse at a hospital close to her home, and that enabled her to take care of her children.

Americans on welfare can now live better lives because of the passage of that bill. There have been 3 million children that have been listed out of poverty since 1996. Welfare caseloads have declined by 9 million and employment of single mothers on welfare rose by 40 percent. We have taken the first step in getting people off of welfare. This year we need to take the second step by decreasing welfare caseloads by promoting work and healthy marriages, by improving child well-being and quality of life and by strengthening families.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. ETHERIDGE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of Social Security. Social Security is our Nation's most successful domestic initiative. It has lifted millions of Americans out of poverty. Social Security represents a solemn promise to our seniors that says if you work hard and play by the rules you will not be forced in your golden years into poverty, and no one has a right to break that promise.

The Republican leadership plans to privatize Social Security and replace its guarantee with a risky gamble. This privatization plan jeopardizes the requirement security of our seniors and our working families. Now the Republican leadership is trying to change the subject and duck the word "privatization." The American people will not be fooled by this trick. This House must